

PHILIP NELSON

CAREER OBJECTIVE

*To operate a successful farm business that is productive, efficient, and conservation-oriented.
To be active in the Illinois Farm Bureau so that I may contribute to opportunities for farmers,
and be a spokesperson for Illinois agriculture.*

FAMILY

*My wife, Carmen, and I are fourth generation farmers. We have one son, Kendall.
We operate our farm business with the help of a full-time employee.*

BUSINESS

*Our farming enterprise consists of grain and livestock production and has been in
operation for more than 20 years. The grain farm produces corn, soybeans, wheat, and alfalfa.
The livestock operation encompasses a farrow-to-finish hog operation and a cattle feedlot.*

FARM ORGANIZATION EXPERIENCE

2000 - Present Vice-President, Illinois Farm Bureau
1998 - 1999 Chairman, IFB Livestock and Dairy GRITS Committee
1997 - 1999 Chairman, AFBF Swine Advisory Committee
1994 - 1999 Board Member, IFB Activator Executive Committee
1997 - 1999 Board Member, Farm Credit Services of Northern Illinois
1993 - 1999 President, LaSalle County Farm Bureau
1994 - 1996 Chairman and Member, University of Illinois Crop Sciences Committee
1993 - 1994 Vice-President, American Soybean Association
1990 - 1994 National Board Member, USDA Federal Grain Inspection Service
1989 - 1991 President, Illinois Soybean Association
1980 - 1986 Vice-President and Member, LaSalle County Pork Producers

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

1998 - Present Chairman, District 2 FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee
1996 - Present President, Miller Township Zoning Board
1992 - Present Advisory Member, U. S. Representative Jerry Weller's Ag Committee
1992 - 2000 Chairman, Newark High School Ag Council
1992 - 1995 Secretary and Member, Fox River Lutheran Church Council
1984 - 1990 Advisory Member, U. S. Representative Dennis Hastert's Ag Committee
1984 - 1990 Chairman, LaSalle County Extension Council
1979 - 1988 President and Member, District 210 School Board

STATE & NATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1993 National Outstanding Young Farmer - U. S. Jaycees
1984, 1993 National Young Adult Achievement Award - Growmark
1987 DuPont Outstanding Young Leader Award
1986 State Discussion Meet Award Winner, Illinois Farm Bureau
1984 National Outstanding Young Farmer - American Farm Bureau Federation
1978 American FFA Degree
1977 Star State Farmer of Illinois

EDUCATION

1984 Illinois Ag Leadership Program
1983 Illinois Leaders of Tomorrow, Illinois Farm Bureau
1979 Associate Degree in Agriculture Production, Joliet College